Growing up in small-town Milan, Tennessee, Xavier Lee wasn’t sure if the University of Tennessee was the right school, until he stepped foot on campus.

“I had always been a fan of Southern Cal,” he says. “But when I took the UT campus tour, it felt like home. UT was the most welcoming of any of the schools.”

At Milan High School, Xavier had been the kind of student UT strives to attract—class vice president for three years, top GPA in his class, voted Mr. MHS by his classmates and captain of the football team his senior year. He also participated in the math, science, and French clubs, Beta Club, and the Gibson County Youth Leadership program.

As he planned his college career, he was guided by his godfather, George Kidd, a Milan native who played linebacker for the Vols (1992–1995), and George’s wife, Brittany, who works in the Coca-Cola corporate offices in Atlanta.

“He talked a lot about his time at Tennessee and how the university works, and how it changed his life,” Xavier recalls.

Xavier’s mother, Cassandra Love, was a single parent working as a purchasing clerk for Konigsberg Automation. It was a good job, but ...continued on Page 2
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Xavier was going to need help if he was going to go to college.

“When I came out of high school, I had various scholarships, some of them only for the first year,” he says.

Working toward a chemical engineering degree, his academic performance as a freshman earned him the Thomas D. Dunlap Scholarship, which was established from a bequest.

“It has enabled me to spend more time focusing on my studies, and I am very appreciative of it,” he says.

Xavier is a Gates Millennium Scholar and a member of the National Society of Collegiate Scholars, the National Society of Black Engineers, the National Society of Chemistry Scholars, and the Phi Eta Sigma Honor Society.

He also works in the Office of Alumni Affairs and is taking part in a long-term work-study program in various divisions of Southern Company, the nation’s largest power company.

“It’s an amazing opportunity,” Xavier says. “Last fall, I started my internship in the power-system engineering division in Atlanta. I worked on a cooling system for a pressure-reactor nuclear plant.”

In the spring, he worked at nuclear units under construction. “It really opened my eyes to nuclear. I saw the regulations put in place by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and INPO (the Institute of Nuclear Power Operations). I worked alongside the guys building the units and was able to bond with them.”

After taking courses at UT in the summer, he’ll be back at Southern Company in the fall and will alternate semesters until graduation.

“As I move through my college career, I’m especially thankful for the opportunities that I’ve been able to take advantage of,” Xavier says. “I think all the time about the huge impact that planned gifts like Mr. Dunlap’s can have on an individual’s life. They make scholarships like mine possible. It makes me want to do the same for someone else someday, and I’m pretty sure I will.”

If you want to learn more about how you can make a difference in the lives of future UT students like Xavier, please contact the Office of Gift Planning at 865-974-2370 or giftplanning@utk.edu.
When you create a will, you gain peace of mind knowing that you’re protecting the important people in your life. You can also use your will to invest in the causes that are close to your heart and create a permanent testament to the values that are important to you.

By leaving a gift to UT in your will, you ensure that we can continue to carry out our mission and create lasting improvements that benefit UT students for years to come.

**A WORRY-FREE WAY TO SUPPORT UT**

We all want to pass on the legacy of being a Vol, but the future can be unpredictable. That’s why including a gift in your will is the perfect way to support UT. Because you’re not giving away any assets until after your lifetime, you’re free to alter your plans if your circumstances change. This way you ensure that you and your family have the resources you need now and that we have the support we need in the future.

**MAKE A PERMANENT IMPACT**

Including UT in your will is an easy process. Here’s how it works:

1. Just one sentence is all it takes to make a difference in the lives of UT students. Use the suggested language *(at right)* to include a gift to UT in your will or trust.

2. Ask your estate planning attorney to use this language when you create your will. If you already have a will, simply ask your attorney to amend the existing document.

3. Once your gift is in place, contact the Office of Gift Planning to let us know. It would be our honor to thank you for your foresight and ensure that your gift is used as you intend.

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**PUT IT in Writing**

If you are ready to include a gift to the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, in your will, ask your estate planning attorney to add this suggested wording to your will or living trust:

I give to the University of Tennessee Foundation, Knoxville, Tennessee, (the sum of $_____ or _____, percent of the rest, residue and remainder of my estate) for its general purposes.
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